also provided that the entire' quantity released for free sale against the monthly release order should be despatched fia full within the period specified therein and that the particulars of sale and despatch should also be intimated by the sugar tactories to the concerned Stale Governments.

For the violations committed by the sugar factories by lapsing quantities against free sale release order issued for June, 1979 prosecutions were initially launched on a selective basis against major defaul ters through the Central Bureau of Investigation in 1980. One of the sugar factories filed a petition in the Bombay High Court challenging the issuance of process by the Court of Judicial Magis trate. In view of the Bombay High, Court judgement dated 16-11-1981 given in this case on criminal application No. 1472 of 1980, the prosecutions against the factories committing violations of the provisions of the order dated 9th May, 1980 could not be launched. Special Leave Petition against the said judge ment of Bombay High Court has already been filed in the Supreme Court and the matter is *subjudice.*

(c) Doe$_s$ not arise.

Implementation of sugar policy for 1985-86 Season

1156. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugar policy for 1985-86 season announced in November, 1985 was changed to 55:45 from the earlier ratio of 65:35;

(b) whether this ratio has been faithfully implemented;

(c) whether it is a fact that in actual practice the ratio of levy sugar release to free sale-sugar has been lower than the stipulated 65 pe$_r$ cent;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Gov-ernment to fully implement the new sugar policy of 1985-86?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRL AJIT PANJA); (a) Yes, Sir.

.(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The percentage of levy sugar as applicable to the production during the . 1985-86 season is 55 and not 65. The prescribed ratio is ensured with reference to the .release out of the total production during the season. This cannot be ensured on month to month basis as the quantum of monthly *b-cc* sale quota de-pends on the sugar _production trends, availability, demand, price trends, etc.

(e)In view of the above, question does not arise.

Irregularities committed by certain firms of Bombay

1157. SHRI M. S. GLRUPAD-SWAMY-

DR. SHANTI G. PATEL;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it i$_s$ a fact that some companies belonging to one family viz. M|s. Steel Industries of India; Mis. Sai Overseas Imports and Exports and R. L. Metal Corporation have cheated Government in the matter of payment of customs • duty;

(b) whether a complaint wa$_s$ filed with the Deputy Collector of Customs, Special Investigation and Information Branch, - Bombay j$_n$ this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (u) and (b) No complaint regarding cheating or evasion of duty has recently been, filed with Deputy Collector of Customs, Special Investigation and Intelligence Branch, Bombay against any of thes$_e$ three firms.

(c) In view of (a) and (b), doe^ not arise.